

## Twitter Directions



# Twitter

Web 2.0 Technology

## What is it?

- An online social networking and microblogging service that allows users to send and read text-based posts up to 140 characters known as “tweets”
  - **Characters:** letters, numbers, spaces, punctuation
- Website – [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

## Getting Started

### How to Create an Account:

- 1.) Visit [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and click on the sign up box
- 2.) Enter your **name**, **email address**, and a **password** ( do NOT share your password)
- 3.) Click **Sign up for Twitter**
- 4.) On the next page, create a unique **username**. This is how your followers will send messages and replies (you can change at any time).
- 5.) Verify your information to make sure it is correct.
- 6.) Click **Create My Account!**
- 7.) Personalize Home Page (add picture, description, title) *\*optional\**

### Key Terms

**Following:** get that user’s Tweets on your Twitter homepage – you can unfollow someone at any time

**Hashtags (#)** – used to mark words or topics in a tweet (categorize messages)

### Tips

- 1.) How to Find People by Name:
  - Type person’s name into the search box at the top of the page
  - Results will show up under the people tab
  - You can also search by typing the person’s name on the **Connect Page**
- 2.) Browse Accounts by Interest:
  - On the **Discover** page, click browse categories
  - Click on any interesting category – a list of accounts will be shown

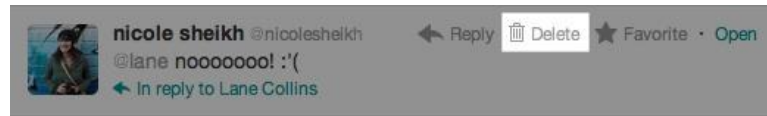


## Posting a Tweet



- Click the blue **compose new Tweet** button at the top of the screen. Start Typing and click the Tweet button to post the Tweet to your profile.

## Deleting a Tweet



- Start on your individual profile page. Locate the Tweet you want to delete.
- Hover over the message, shown above, and click **Delete**.

## Retweeting a Tweet



- Hover over a Tweet. Click the Retweet link. The link will then be shared.
- \*If you really like a Tweet, click Favorites and you will be able to return to it. \*\*

*\*\* Follow Miss Mankowski's personal Twitter to see how she used a picture book to explore the microblogging service while presenting an example for the students to follow. \*\**